

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/772,486

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to interview on 07/22/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4 and 6-9.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 29 January 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date Attached.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Rittmaster (Reg. No. 32,933), the undersigned, on July 22, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 5 and 10.

Amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method for provisioning users with resources, the method comprising the steps of:

establishing a set of attributes, organizational information, and user roles;

defining a plurality of resource provisioning policies based on selected attributes, organizational information, and user roles;

receiving attribute information, organizational information, and user role information for a particular user, resource, or database;

determining which resource provisioning policies are applicable to the user based on the received user role information, organizational information, and attribute information;

seeking additional information or authorizations from third parties in accordance with the applicable resource provisioning policies; and

provisioning the user with the resources specified by the applicable resource provisioning policies if all necessary additional information or authorizations have been received from the third parties, the provisioning of the resources being determined at least in part by the additional information or authorizations [(.)] ;

wherein the step of seeking additional information or authorizations from third parties comprising the steps of:

receiving first additional information or authorizations from third parties in accordance with the applicable resource provisioning policies; and

seeking second additional information or authorizations from other third parties or the user based on the received first additional information or authorizations and the received attribute information, organizational information, and user role information.

Amend claim 6 as follows:

6. (Currently Amended) A system for provisioning users with resources, the system comprising:

a data server for storing a set of attributes, organizational information, and user roles, a plurality of resource provisioning policies based on selected attributes, organizational information, and user roles, and attribute information and user role information for a particular user or resource; and

one or more processors coupled to the memory and an organizational network,
the processors programmed for

determining which resource provisioning policies are applicable to the
stored user role information, organizational information, and attribute information,

seeking additional information or authorizations from third parties in
accordance with the applicable resource provisioning policies, and

provisioning a user with the resources specified by the applicable resource
provisioning policies if all necessary additional information or authorizations have
been received from the third parties, the provisioning of the resources being
determined at least in part by the additional information or authorizations [[.]] ,

**receiving first additional information or authorizations from third
parties in accordance with the applicable resource provisioning policies,
and**

**seeking second additional information or authorizations from other
third parties or the user based on the received first additional information
or authorizations and the stored attribute information, organizational
information, and user role information.**

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an examiner's statements of reason for allowance:

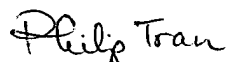
Claims 1-4 and 6-9 are allowable over the prior art of record.

The examiner has found that the prior art of record does not appear to teach or suggest or render obvious the claimed limitations in combination with the specific added limitations as recited in independent claims and subsequent dependent claims. The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest a method and system for provisioning users with resources based on applicable provisioning policies wherein seeking additional information or authorizations from third parties in accordance with the applicable resource provisioning policies and provisioning of the resources being determined at least in part by the additional information or authorizations as argued by applicant [see Remarks of Amendment filed on Oct 07, 2004] and also fails to teach or suggest a method and system for provisioning users with resources based on applicable provisioning policies wherein receiving first additional information or authorizations from third parties in accordance with the applicable resource provisioning policies, and seeking second additional information or authorizations from other third parties or the user based on the received first additional information or authorizations and the stored attribute information, organizational information, and user role information as recited in the independent claims.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

4. The examiner as of general interest cites the following references:
 - A) Rice et al, U.S. Pat. No. 6,658,467.
 - B) Broadhurst et al, U.S. Pat. No. 6,205,480.
 - C) Hsieh, U.S. Pat. No. 5,925,126.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Philip B. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-3991. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.
7. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).


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